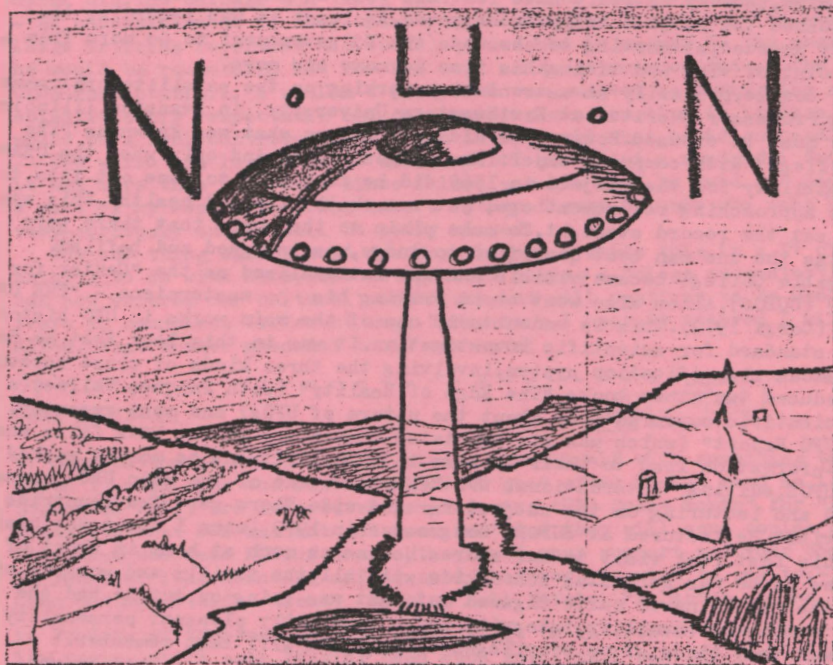


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J.R. Comments...

What do you say when the world's greatest UFO researcher departs this earth? It is not easy. But the death of Dr. J Allen Hynek must be marked, as the saddest event for many years.

Allen Hynek is the man whom we all equate with the UFO phenomenon. As civilian consultant to the USAF projects he was the first scientist to become involved in this baffling mystery. From 1948 he patiently observed as the cases piled up and the authorities ran scared of this peculiar phenomenon. He said that he could not be too aggressive, because he would have lost his role as chief consultant and that would have pushed the subject truly underground. At least he was recording the facts as they accrued, attempting to persuade the US government to do more from a scientific point of view and biding his time to make his move.

He was, of course, primarily an astronomer - working on the satellite programme and becoming Professor Emeritus at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Some caution must be excused. However, he did help set up what was known as "The Invisible College" with computer expert Dr Jacques Vallée. And only when the USAF quit responsibility for the subject in 1969 did he feel able to come out into the open. He was approaching retirement age, yet remarkably fit and healthy. This was the time to set the record straight. To make plain to the world that there were UFOs and he, as the one man best qualified to judge, was intrigued and baffled.

The Invisible College became visible and was rationalised as the "Center for UFO Studies" (CUFOS). Allen also went about writing his masterpiece - "THE UFO EXPERIENCE" (Corgi 1973). This is undoubtedly one of the main works in UFO history and set the standard for scientific investigation. It was in this book that he devised his famous classification system, involving the three kinds of close encounter.

Allen produced two other books, "The Edge of Reality" (with Jacques Vallée) (a series of scientific conversations about the nature of UFOs) and most recently, "The Hynek UFO Report" (which was his annotated commentary on the USAF files when Freedom of Information lead to their release in 1976-1977). But he mostly worked on within CUFOS, editing "International UFO Reporter" - one of the main UFO journals in the world and lecturing on the subject far and wide. There were few countries he did not visit. He lectured at BUFORA congresses in 1979 (when I first met him) and 1983 - his last real visit to our shores. He was as much at home in front of a party of dons as he was addressing schoolkids with all the thrills and wonders of the UFO. To the end he never quite figured out what was going on, but he had the humility to admit that. Humility, integrity and a remarkably pleasant personality are the things that those of us privileged to know him will best remember.

"The UFO Experience" was what excited a whiz-kid movie-maker called Steven Spielberg to fulfill his boyhood dream of making a movie about UFOs. Millions of dollars went into the project, dramatising real cases from UFO history and stringing them together within a fictional plot. Hynek was consultant and in his element enjoying the fun of Hollywood. He even found his way into the screenplay. Towards the end of the film, when the aliens descend from their giant mothership, a bearded scientist walks awestruck towards them, sucking on his pipe. This was the in-joke played by Hynek and Spielberg - which most of the millions who saw the film would miss, of course. It was the closest Allen would ever come to a close encounter - although he did see UFOs on two occasions.

We never expected the title "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (culled direct from Hynek's classification scheme) to stick. But it did. Now everyone in the world knows what one of those is. But he suffered for his pains. The publishers of "The UFO Experience" regarded his work on the movie as a selling of the 'film rights' - a very strange conclusion. Hynek did not share in the vast sums of money Columbia reaped from the Spielberg spectacular. His consultancy fee was wiped out several fold by the royalties he lost when the publishers sought legal "compensation". But such fiscal matters never interested Allen. I think he was happy knowing that in some way he brought the truth about UFOs before the whole world.

His vivaciousness was legendary. Whilst he died only days before his 76th birthday on 1 May 1986, until the last few months he belittled that age. In early

1985 he spent a week in arctic conditions at remote and desolate Hessdalen, the place to go to see UFOs. Few ufologists half his age would stand the pace of that.

The editorship of "International UFO Reporter" had already been transferred to Jerome Clark last year, when it became evident to those close to Allen that his illness (a brain tumour) was terminal. CUFOS continues - and indeed has adopted the name "The J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies" as a mark of great respect). He lead the way that we all must follow.

I doubt if any other UFO researcher will claim the obituaries which Allen Hynek did. The Chicago Sun-Times said he "helped to legitimise research into (UFOs)" - an understatement if ever there was one. The New York Times (in another of the large articles reporting his death) quoted him in answer to the suggestion that he would be remembered not for his work as an astronomer but as the man who made UFOs respectable... "I wouldn't mind. If I can succeed in making the study of UFOs scientifically respectable and do something constructive in it, then I think that would be a real contribution." There is no doubt that he did succeed.

The world has lost a great ambassador. I have lost a wonderful friend. Although it was more than two years since I last saw him what he said and did was always a part of my own work. He was like a father-figure to many who take UFO research very seriously and he will be sadly missed.

But one thing cheers me. A few days before I wrote this, in a TV play that had nothing to do with UFOs, someone spoke of having a "close encounter". That phrase has now entered our cultural vocabulary and will continue to be used for many years in countless different ways. Every time I hear it uttered I will think of Allen. What better memorial could one have?

NEWS ROUND-UP:

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 :: John Cotton of WAPIT says "I always find myself with something to comment on which I would like the rest of NUFON to see" after he has read an issue of NUN. So, he and WAPIT are interested in producing "UFO Scene North" for "all comments, ideas etc that NUN has not got room for". And they will send copies FREE (!) to all those who read NUN. Of course, they need your support and your comments - so if you feel like sounding off do send whatever you wish to say to:-
 John Cotton 6 Alder Avenue Worsley Hall Estate Pemberton Wigan Lancs WN3 9PY

:: Readers of "Science and the UFOs" might be interested in an American university review which says, "Having been much involved, I can say that the history of UFOs in part 1 is accurate and revealing." Bear those remarks in mind when you see what Peter Warrington and I have to say and realise that the reviewer was Dr Thornton Page, the noted NASA scientist - who in 1953 was a member of the then top secret CIA originated Robertson Panel. Mmmm..... Thank you indeed Dr Page.

:: David Clarke asks me to point out that his SPOOKLIGHTS booklet (with Granville Oldroyd) was priced on a leaflet I sent out with NUN. Oops! Its £1.50 (post inc) Incidentally, the Fund for UFO Research in the USA has awarded the two workers US \$400 to produce a "sequel" report into the 1913 Airship wave. Look forward to it.

:: LCUFOS, through Stephen Brown, have a cracking book-sale offer on. Some excellent prices and some fine books and magazines. You could do worse than an S&P to see what's what (23 Queen Victoria Rd Burnley Lancashire BB10 3DH)

:: A new Somerset UFO group called AZINUTH ask me to let you know about them. They run from 83 Church Rd East Huntspill Highbridge Somerset TA9 3NG

:: Please note the new address for ScUFON (or SPI) - see page 16.
 MAGONIA magazine also sent a leaflet to let us know they have changed address (to John Dee Cottage 5 James Terrace Mortlake Churchyard London SW14 8HB). They remind us that sending copies to the old address can annoy the residents - but they sent this reminder to 21 Whittlewood Close - the address NUFON and NUN moved from well over a year ago!!! Tut! Tut!



FOR YOUR PERUSAL
Major articles elsewhere

Beyond Science continues to flood the bookshops and has just discovered that there are writers on the paranormal. It apparently does not like to pay them, but it has figured out they exist. In the May issue a central colour spread is entirely devoted to an enlargement of a UFO filmed over (wait for it) Warrington! The June issue also includes a page relating an observation of a satellite re-entry in 1980 which everybody (bar Beyond Science, the witness and CONTACT UK) seems to have recognised. The Warrington UFO picture is amidst a daft self-promotional article by the Aetherius Society (which Peter Hough - who has decided to write for this sad publication - tells me the editors had never heard of before they asked for the piece and kept calling the "Atterus Society"). I found a bit out about the background behind the picture and it will feature in my two-part report on the "Aetherians" in coming issues of "The Unknown".

The Unknown themselves toddle along and the chief reason why I do respect them and recommend you to read it and writers to write for it (unlike Beyond Science) is that it did its homework, knew the field before it went into print and has a clear stance. Whilst it does publish some strange articles (as indeed do FATE) it has shown itself willing to include work by decent researchers which can be analytical and critical. There is too much to review in the past three issues - but Peter Hough (June) started an interesting look at UFO hoaxers and there is always something of UFOlogy in there. 95p from bookshops and by subscription too (from:- 1 Clarendon Rd Croydon Surrey CRO 3SJ). However, we must watch its progress as it enters its second year (a definite achievement for a monthly mag on the paranormal). Editor Lin Weiland has left to launch her own journal (from July) entitled "Exploring the Supernatural". Whether WH Smith and co can take three publications remains to be seen. I hope this will not prove to be suicide.

JTAP Mar 1986 (BUFORA 30 Vermont Rd London SE19 3SR)
A meaty research issue this one. Keul/Phillips et al on updated results from the first Anamnesis trials. A MURO report on the physical evidence in the Livingston CE2. Fuller on the use of computers in UFO research. Gamble on the future of research.

UFO Brigantia (£7.50, 12, or £3.80, 6:- 84 Elland Rd Brighouse Yks HD6 2QR)
Continues on its way as the bright new spark on the UK horizon. Dagless and Mortimer on the Saltfleet case, Watson and Randles updating the Sunderland's CE4.

Quest Jan/Feb (£6, six issues:- 68 Buller Crescent Leeds LS9 6LJ)
Running a bit behind schedule at present. The Churchhill documents reproduced. Barry Greenwood on the MJ12 (a group of super top secret scientists and military men supposedly studying UFOs) - plus all the usual stuff.

MACONIA May (£2.50, 4:- John Dee Cottages, 5 James Terrace, Mortlake, London SW14 8HB)
Hilary Evans with a delightful French tale, Keith Basterfield updates hypnagogic imagery, Ian Ridpath demolishes a Spanish case and I actually agree with him. Wonders never cease!

PSI-EYE Winter 86 (£2.25, 4:- 17 Langbank Avenue Rise Park Nottingham NG5 5BU)
A new journal type-set and printed by EMJAY (as many of the UK mags - including us!) now are. But this one is edited by EMJAY's Mike Costello too. From the first issue it promises to be a super critical review of psi. Mostly comprises a 61-normous 20,000 word article on the near-death experience (and this is only Pt.1!) If you don't think this has got anything to do with UFOs forget PSI-EYE. If you do, then subscribe right now.

ANOMALY 2 (from ASSAP 65 Amersham Rd High Wycombe Bucks HP13 5AA)
Second in this (annual?) affair. 68pp long. £2 for one, £3.60 for 2 (less if you are an ASSAP member). Special on premonitions (wrecked a bit by some weird typesetting errors transposing bits from article to article!) Plenty in here, including "The subjective nature of the UFO phenomenon" by Ian Cresswell (sadly one of the messed up pieces). A ghost case from Brinklow Hill (very relevant if you buy "The Eye of Fire" - see book reviews). Andy Collins and Caroline Wise on an entity case. Plus lots more. Interesting.

Northern Earth Mysteries Spring 86 (£2.50, 4:- 170 Victoria Rd Hull HU5 3DY)
Phil Reader on will o' the wisps and UFO sightings.

The Ley Hunter 100 (£5, 3:- PO Box 5 Brecon Powys)
Congratulations to Paul Devereux and co for making their centary on TLH. A bumper issue with lots in it - including Patricia Cantor on the history of the Brown Mountain Lights (America's most famous repetitive UFOs).

IUR Jan/Feb (US E25, CUFOS:- 1955 Johns Drive Glenview Illinois 60025)
Jerry Clark continues to make strides on the CUFOS (expensive but invaluable) bi-monthly. Chris Rutkowski demolishes (?) the earthlights theory...and he is a geophysicist. Hobart Gregory lays down severe guidelines for hypnotic regression and almost demolishes that too. Bill Chalker on an Australian case with official cover-up implications. Great stuff. But why is it so dear?

MUFON Journal (US E30, MUFON:- 103 Oldtowne Rd Seguin Texas 78155)
Admittedly 12 issues a year but the cost rose in Feb by almost 100 per cent. Clearly the financial bug of decreased interest is beginning to bite hard in the USA (as everywhere). But if you can afford the \$55 for this and IUR each year you won't miss a thing that goes on in the USA. They rarely duplicate and often complement one another. Highlights of current issues...Jan Oberg on the McDivitt astronaut sighting. Feb Hopkins on childhood abductions. Apr McCampbell reviews the range of UFO articles (or lack of 'em!) in the major world science journals with a full bibliography.

Finally - to note a new quarterly launched at \$15 for 4, by Ray Boeche and Scott Colborn (PO Box 94627 Lincoln Nebraska 68509)...Journal of the Fortean Research Center. First (April) includes "The Winged Wonder over Falls City".

UPDATE ON THE UNINVITED

Readers may recall the Christmas editorial on the Stab paperbacks "The Uninvited 2 and 3". Work is still going on in an effort to find out if these are indeed fakes which (presumably) - if so - Star Books must know, as they go out of their way to claim they are true. The third book (set in and around Milton Keynes) is full of holes and following discussions with Ken Phillips (who lived in the town until very recently and could not possibly have been unaware of the events Frank Taylor claims happened there) it is extremely improbable that these claims should be taken seriously. The second book (set in Derbyshire and mentioning NUFON) is more interesting. The pub named (despite pseudonyms used for all witnesses) is real. I have discovered the name of the owners who held the pub at the time mentioned in the book. They did leave on about the dates given by Taylor (incidentally nobody knows who Frank Taylor is - if he exists!). However, according to the present owner the reason for their departure was a marriage break-up and had nothing to do with UFOs. It was in fact agreed before the events described in the book that he was to take over! He was clearly very tight about the whole affair and referred to law-suits. Neither the present owner nor the barmaid (who was at the pub during the events described by Taylor) knew anything about them. As far as the police involvement goes - I spoke to Inspector Donald Lambley at Matlock and he allowed me to quote him for the record. "We have checked our books, which do record UFO sightings reported to us. There is no record of the incidents described in the book." In view of the repeated involvement of the Matlock police, according to Taylor's 'novel' this seems self-explanatory. Lambley also insisted about the so-called encounters of his own officers... "We have no record of any such thing having occurred... At the time of the supposed events I was here. This is a very small station. I do not recall any of those things having happened. Frankly I think this is all nonsense."

This seems damning evidence against Frank Taylor and the Uninvited series. I think it is in our interests as serious UFO researchers to continue the quest for truth. If any reader has any comments, information or ideas - or knows either who Frank Taylor is or where he works - do let us know.

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT



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Hot off the press; compiled by Jenny Randles, published by BUFORA, and printed by EMJAY - the 32pp publication offers a complete review of ufology in the world during 1985. A country by country section refers to all the main news and research developments. There is a major look at all the key cases which happened globally. Theoretical developments (including original articles by Warren Chanter and Ian Cresswell). And a complete bibliography of all new books published during the year and the main published research articles. In fact it offers all you need to know about what happened on the "UFO World" during 1985. Hopefully to become an annual publication every Summer it may well be a collectors item as only 300 copies are in print and it will be snapped up by all the main groups and researchers world-wide. BUFORA has a supply and if you want a copy send a cheque or crossed p.o. made payable to "BUFORA Ltd" - to the editorial address of Northern UFO News (see the cover):- Cost (post inc.) £1.50.

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THE EYE OF FIRE By Martin Keatman and Graham Phillips CW Daniel 164pp £5.95

What on earth to say about this! It is the sequel to "The Green Stone", published in 1983 (Grafton paperback edition 1984) - which you may recall was the tale of an alleged psychic quest that took a bunch of people running round the UK looking for a sword and then a green stone with magical powers. A space-age fairy tale extremely hard to swallow and like something out of a badly written Tolkein novel. Except - of course - it was all supposed to be true!

This is more of the same, taking the adventures of the quest beyond 1980 and into 1982 - when the dire need to find the 'red' stone (the 'Eye of Fire') lead to another search, cataclysmic battles, thought-form demons, life-sucking ghosts, walking corpses strolling about ruined buildings, the spectre of an ancient warrior Queen materialising in Derbyshire - and so on. Suffice it to say, if you found the first book even mildly hard to believe you may as well read this as a novel or forget the whole thing. Despite the inclusion of a picture of a psychic bell and the stone (which look exactly like unpsychic bells and any old stone) - plus the claimed photograph of a spook in Victorian clothes that followed them all about (which looks like a man in Victorian clothes) we have nothing but the word of the people in the story that this is anything more than a gimmick to sell books.

Why then am I giving it a review - and what has it got to do with UFOs? Well - because almost everyone in the quest was an investigator of UFOs originally - regularly submitting cases to this magazine! Keatman, Terry Shotton (who allegedly almost dies at the hands of a curse) and Alan Beard all feature. And the main psychics in the quest are Caynor and Marion Sunderland - subjects of the Oakenholt series of close encounters reported in my book "Alien Contact". Indeed - it seems - that, but for my follow up of that story to eventually produce the book, Keatman, Phillips and Andy Collins would not have teamed up with the Sunderland family and set this large-scale real-life game of dungeons and dragons into operation. So I do feel a wee bit responsible!

As I have said before, I have never had any involvement in the quest, nor was I aware of it during the time I spent researching and writing "Alien Contact". It was evidently a purposeful decision not to tell me - but I do not know what the purpose was. I can only say that I doubt, very much, that I would have become so ensnared in this mass delusion (if that is all it is). But then I would not have bet on some of these people falling under the spell.

I am well aware that any objective reader of "The Eye of Fire" will dismiss it out of hand as pure fantasy. Almost every line contains a new improbability.

I am also aware that, having dismissed the sanity of all those involved my own must be called into doubt. I did, after all, write "Alien Contact" about the same people and I even wrote an introduction to "The Green Stone". All I can say in my own defence is that I stand by all I said in my own words. I do not know if the quest is partly true, totally true or a cock and bull story. Andy Collins, whom I respect, says that many of the things happened (although not quite in the way these 'novelets' would have it). He has every reason to say otherwise, having no vested interest in either book. He has promised his own book about psychic quests in the near future and that is one I will look forward to. But what of "The Eye of Fire"?

Marion Sunderland told me all about it last winter, when we met in a Liverpool coffee shop. We talked for hours and I saw the green stone and the blue one. The latter is an alleged "apport" (teleported out of nowhere) and also has magic powers. There is little doubt that most of those engaged in this treasure trail do believe what they say and are basically sincere. As to whether this has any substance we can only reserve judgement. But it is a fascinating saga and this new book (slim as it is and relatively costly for a softback) at least reads well. It is very Stephen King or Dennis Wheatley in flavour which might guarantee the sale of film rights and the loss of any hope that it will be taken seriously.

Sadly - if the story is true - the authors do not seem to care about this. Read it - if only to reappraise your verdict on "Alien Contact", in the light of what the protagonists claim since I know that I will have to.

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MEDIA MATTERS :-

A look at UFOs in the public eye

Media attention was again focused on West Yorkshire. Yorkshire Evening Post (10 Mar) heralded the YUFOs conference rather early with "UFO fans head for Leeds encounter" - although "Jenny Randles... will put forward her extra-terrestrial theories" was (shall we say) journalistic licence! This was much made up for by the Bradford Aragus (21 Mar) who gave Mark Birdsall space to write about encounters over Bradford and promote the next days conference. "Much of the data suggests an unknown intelligence" he concludes. Not to be outdone the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group featured seven days later in the Bradford Star when "house husband" Andy Roberts commented, "I am a sceptic... I am not an out-and-out extra-terrestrial believer". Perhaps their reporter should have let Andy write this too - as they made the daft goof of claiming that the first thing WYUFOG do with a case is "find out what the astrological connection would be". They mean astronomical - of course!

Spare a thought amidst this tidal wave of Pennine publicity for poor John Edwards of Carlisle. As the Carlisle Evening News (2 Apr) announced he has a "Lonely watch for space aliens" He has "founded a new flying saucers club, but he can't find anyone locally to agree with him" All say aaah. John says, "I'm hooked on this flying saucer stuff. I want to be an official UFO investigator" But "so far no-one else has joined my club". He did not get a lot of encouragement from BUFORA. The reporter (showing unusual prowess for a local rag) spoke to Mike Wootton about the computer files and was told "There are only two or three sightings a year in the whole country" - a slight underestimate I think. Mike doubtless told her "unexplained" sightings. But you know journalists. JR was also misquoted - after (correctly) relating that nine out of ten sightings are explained, "But it is the one unexplainable case that is so exciting", there is the odd remark that we have a sighting by a dustbin man on our books. I am not sure that we do - although considering the amount of rubbish that tends to get printed by the media I often think we could do with one.

Meanwhile - over in Derbyshire comes the hot news, "UFOs set to invade Derby" (Derby Evening Telegraph, 8 Apr). Were they a week late with this scoop headline? No - it was a little play on words. They meant, as they put it, "Flying saucer fanatics are set to invade Derby with conclusive proof that UFOs really do exist" Oh yeh? Who is this then? "The International Aetherius Society (who) claim to have contacted life from outer space." Surprise, surprise.

The Aetherians have been off on a major promotion tour lately (see my articles in "The Unknown" for an enquiry into them). The Oxford Mail (25 Mar) really did them proud with a full-page article on 61-year old Shirley Adcock, local rep. "Without flying saucers this world would be lifeless," she insists. Why? Because "we owe it to them - they clean up pollution and radiation." She adds that George King (who we already knew to be a Sir, Doctor and Reverend) is now "His Serene Highness Prince de Santorini". Oh, and a taxi driver to boot. And in case you did not know it - "There are 92 Martian agents on earth..." Presumably George King entertains them at his "modest bungalow" in the location where cosmic voices ordered him to move to from his seedy London flat. The location - oh, some boring place called Hollywood, California.

Note:- I should add a note about the new daily paper "Today" launched in March by Eddie Shah (who runs the local Warrington free sheet). In February I was interviewed by that free sheet about the remote-viewing experiment I ran through "The Unknown". Many notes were taken about Soviet psychic experiments. None were used. On Mon 7 April someone called Bryn Davies (whoever he is - the "Today" news editor claimed he has never heard of him!) wrote a column called "Psychic Explorer". It appeared every day for several weeks. The column that day referred to Soviet experiments into psi and used some interesting words. Interesting, because they were mine. Whilst the Davies column simply said that an anonymous "report" in an un-named source had made hysterical claims, he was in fact describing my Remote-Viewing experiment article in the March "Unknown" (which I would challenge anyone to demonstrate was "hysterical"). Without quote marks throughout most of his piece he word for word stole my article over several sentences. "The Unknown" were incensed and wrote to "Today". They never got an answer. I phoned up "Today" and they slammed the phone down on me, after first disowning Bryn Davies (who I gather is a staff writer of theirs who mysteriously developed a brand new pseudonym - Carl Rider - a few days later!). I was told to put my complaint in writing - which I did. "Today"'s solicitor replied telling me it was not breach of copyright in their view to steal about half a dozen sentences that I wrote without either source, credit or quote marks. Nor was I entitled to an apology. Nor would they agree to print a byline giving the correct source, so readers could see my words in their context - ie the remote viewing experiment. They suggested I sue - knowing full well that neither I nor "The Unknown" had the slightest chance of affording this.

I make this point so that those of you who read "Psychic Explorer" in "Today" know where they likely get their stories - and writers be on guard for the same thing happening to them. Perhaps one of you will have the clout to get justice.

BOLIDE:-

Just a note to say that the "Ball of Light International Data Exchange", founded by Hilary Evans, has produced its first mailshot. The informal group of fifteen or so researchers into UAP type phenomena merely photocopies everything sent to it by its contributors and sends these out to everyone in occasional "bumper bundles". The first lot is a thick collection of 20 pieces (from articles, press cuttings and other goodies) - and it seems a super idea. If you are wondering what you are missing then send an SAE to Hilary at 1 Tranquil Vale London SE3 0BU

INFORMATION WANTED:-

PJ Kelly (74 Cumberland Way Dibden Southampton Hants SO4 5TW) wrote to BUFORA ten months ago to report a sighting by a friend of his in July/Aug 1976. It was at a quarry near Stainton in Yorkshire on a cloudless day. His friend and a colleague allegedly observed a classic domed disc hovering over the quarry and descending noiselessly and vertically until it stopped over some trees at the quarry mouth. It was the colour of dull aluminium and about 100 feet across. It left by rising vertically. Despite attempts to contact Mr Kelly we have had no replies. Does anyone know anything about this potentially interesting case?

BRIEF CASES:-

Some Current Investigations

A POLISH CE 3? Investigation:- Andy Roberts - WYUFORG

A great pity that this case had to be aborted. The witness (70 year old Mr K) wrote a tiny note about his experience, filled in an R1 form and then disappeared. Enquiries found that he had gone into hospital, from there to a nursing home and could not be found after discharge from here. However, what we do have is very interesting and worth recording.

In early May 1938 Mr K (who would then be aged about 24) was at Mirkowic in his native Poland. It was about 04.00 and Mr K was in bed when he saw two "men" at the window. They were holding a heavy-looking piece of apparatus between them. They seemed to be young and dark skinned. But Mr K was unable to react, being paralysed "as if in a force field". After about 20 minutes they vanished. The next day in an adjacent field of rye a flattened circle about 30-40 feet in diameter was discovered. It had four holes in the centre as if legs had been imbedded into the ground. Mr K believed that the medical problems he suffered from in 1984 resulted from his encounter in 1938! Insuff..SP Rating 8-3

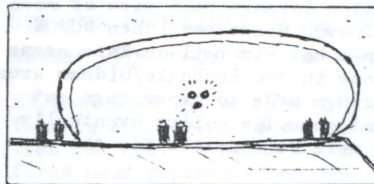
MUFORA Case 5510 Autumn 1955 16.00 Crewe, Cheshire Level B

Mrs C was downstairs tending her young daughter who had whooping cough. Suddenly she observed something through the window that made her feel "very unusual". It was an orange ball, like the sun, surrounded by a glow. But it was in the wrong position. It moved very slowly, drifting across the sky and was out of view in a few seconds. She subsequently spoke to CONTACT UK - who informed her that she had seen a "spaceship" and suggested it refuelled at some nearby rocks! Her head is very full of extra-terrestrial ideas and MUFORA did not regard her as a very reliable witness. No evaluation is possible so long after the facts - but several possible solutions present themselves (eg bright meteor). SP Rating 3-3

STRANGE ENCOUNTER IN HARTLEPOOL

MUFORA Case 6728 Summer 1967 06.05 Hartlepool, Cleveland Lewel C

Mr James Lupton (7 Cameron Rd Hartlepool Tel: 77168) was aged 20 in 1967 and resided then at Edinburgh Grove in the town. He was working at a factory called Alladins (!) and used to walk home as he lived nearby. After finishing his shift until 6am he used to stay behind to allow the others to rush off for their bus. This meant that when he left it was very quiet. The morning in question was still



and warm. As he turned into Edinburgh Grove he saw three lights which he took to be aircraft navigation beacons. One was white, one red and the other green. Two were flashing and the other was constant (although he does not now recall which was which). Thinking nothing much of this he did become puzzled by the utter lack of sound - as with no breeze and no traffic hum he should have heard this however high the plane was. Then he realised with quite a shock that "there were no stars in the sky overhead". It was a very clear, starry night and the only explanation he could find for this was that something was blocking them out. Looking closer he recognised the culprit as a dark circular shape - and the three lights were on the underside (in the centre) of this. It was drifting in a westerly slow motion "so low I could have hit it with a stone". It spanned a considerable width of the sky (several rooftop widths in diameter). James ran through the garden and into an alleyway that leads to the back of the row of houses. As he did so he waved at the drifting craft and called out "Welcome to

our world"! He admits that this seems daft now - but at the time it made sense! He watched it until it was out of sight (about two minutes) - "looking like a great silver pan". It looked "well used - stained and pitted" and was blacker than the lightning sky. Feeling both elation and astonishment he went inside and straight to bed (his wife and fifteen month old son were both asleep). The room was dark and the curtains drawn, but the moment he slid into bed he became totally paralysed. "My eyes closed tightly... I could not raise my arms or legs. Nor could I feel my heartbeat. As I lay there thinking of what was going on a piercing voice was repeating a message to me... It started to tell me over and over... "YOU HAVE A GREAT SECRET". The voice was very unusual and he was at the same time as hearing it trying to force himself to ask questions. But he was very frightened. Finally "I forced my eyes open and my arms and legs shot upwards. My heartbeat became very fast." All sounds in the room had temporarily vanished (Ox Factor symptom), but at this sudden termination they returned. "I could hear my wife breathing now". The room was filled with a pungent odour (like sulphur) and he was quite literally petrified. He cuddled into his wife, pulled the blanket over his head and curled into a ball. Despite refusing to close his eyes or go to sleep he remembers nothing else until 3pm that day. He has only told four people in the 19 years since the events.

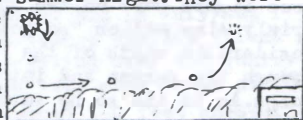
This is an extraordinary story which seems to bear further investigation. For this reason I have broken usual tradition and included witness details (to which Mr Lupton did not object) - should any NUFON investigator closer to Hartlepool wish to visit the man and look into the matter further. If you do then please give us a report on the results. SP Rating 7-5

WYORING Case 75-167 June 1975 22.00 Brighouse, W. Yorks Level A Andy Roberts

Mr JA was returning home from feeding his dogs when he saw an object in the east. It was a ball of light about the size of the sun and at least as bright, reddish-orange in colour. It was travelling south-east to north-west and had a trail stretching behind it "for miles", coloured vivid green. JA watched it move slowly for about a minute, during which time it appeared to hover over a canal for thirty seconds or so. It eventually disappeared at a "fantastic speed". It had been a hot day and the sky was clear. However, JA cannot specify the date - and 1974 and 1975 were quoted by him (as was June and July). He is a self-employed gardener and seemed sincere - although he is now convinced he saw an alien spacecraft. Checks were made for an astronomical solution - and the great fireball meteor of 6 June 1976 (magnitude - 10) was considered. However, this was much earlier in the evening (20.30), moved west to east and JA is certain the year could not be 1976. The only other solution proposed was of a mock sun - but this does seem unlikely. Investigation of local press cuttings has revealed a possible candidate. It was seen over the Calder Valley (around Hebden Bridge) by several people at 21.30 on 2 June 1975. The description (orange ball size of moon followed by a trail of smoke) sounds very similar. Trevor Whittaker (then NUFON Chairman) advised the press that it might have been a hot air balloon. This seems to have been on the strength of MUFORA investigations in the Rochdale/Oldham area, when in April-May 1975 the group tracked several orange UFOs to paper bags set on fire and drifting skyward as homemade hot-air balloons. The police eventually caught the culprits and it is improbable that they were responsible for the June Calder Valley UFO. SP Rating 3-5

MUFORA Case 78-282 July 1978 22.30 Liverpool, Lancs Level C

Then 14 year old Peter W was staying with two young friends near Croxteth Hall Park whilst his parents were on holiday. It was a warm summer night. They were simply talking when they observed a very bright white light with blurred edges over the Hall. It suddenly shrank to a point and descended to just above the trees moved right, hovered a few seconds and then shot up in the air very fast. Whilst no explanation occurred to them at the time it sounds very like an aircraft with landing lights turning in flight.

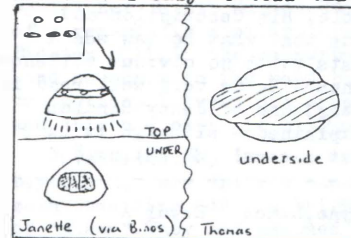


COMING THROUGH THE GLEN Case 79-169

4 May 1979 02.00 Fort William, Scotland Level C

The F family (Thomas, a shop-owner, his wife, Janette, and their ten year old son) all had an interesting encounter in 1979. They endeavoured to report this to Stuart Campbell at MUFORA, but he declined to investigate further - according to Janette F dismissing it as a star. (?)

They had been up late watching a film and were off to bed when Thomas (an experienced walker of the remote glens and fells around them) saw some lights at the far end (east) of Glen Nevis. It was a beautiful evening with many stars and it was easy to tell that the lights were below the line of the hills. From the distance they could see what looked like a cone-shaped object with orange light pouring from the bottom and a line of flashing white lights near the top. They continued to watch with some puzzlement as it moved very slowly down the narrow pass of the glen in their direction. Indeed so slow was its motion that they had ample time to go and wake up their son and bring him to see this sight. They then all put on dressing gowns and went out into the relatively warm night. It was still drifting in their direction, moving silently across the moors.



Janette had brought binoculars out as it flew right over their heads. The single orange light (covering the underside in an oval - as the others reported) appeared as three gridded panels through the glasses. The flashing light at the top were actually revolving. There was no sound at all - despite it being very low over them. It was a definite machine, of some sort, in their view. They are very familiar with jets on low training missions and with helicopters rescuing climbers from the mountains. Indeed this was what they first assumed they were watching - and they were interested in it as a rescue, not a UFO - until its peculiar form, and total silence made obvious to them it was not a helicopter.

Mrs F adds - "We have never seen anything like it before or since - but a lot of our friends have".

It was in view for about 15 minutes and disappeared after it passed over them, by suddenly accelerating and whizzing off "in a flash", heading to the north west. "In no way could it have been a star" is their firm conclusion - and it does seem very hard to ascertain where Stuart Campbell got such an interpretation from on the strength of a phone conversation with Mrs F.

We must record this case as currently unexplained - but it would be nice if any Scottish readers could check the records of mountain rescue or air bases around Glen Nevis for 4 May 1979. SP Rating 7-7

UFO OVER POWERLINES Case 79-170

August 1979 02.15 Shotton, Clwyd Level C

HH, then aged 39, was working the night shift at the big steelworks at Shotton. This is on Deeside - a few miles from Chester and, incidentally, just two miles from Oakenholt - scene of the Sunderland family close encounters. It is not the first case reported from the location - which is surrounded by a maze of high tension cables and a power station.

HH went out for his 2am breather and sandwiches and sat on a home-made bench beneath the sky. This was warm and clear and sprinkled with stars. Suddenly he observed something that he at first took to be a star. It was unusually brilliant and he soon realised that it was actually descending over the powerlines. As it came lower (estimated height at its closest to the ground - 600 feet) it was very apparent that it was a saucer shaped craft. Its size was "enormous" (about 300 feet in diameter) and it seemed to be made of a disc with



a turret on top - gunmetal in colour. A blue light was atop the dome and three windows below this. The underside comprised lights that changed colour from red to green to blue to orange. The middle part also rotated anti-clockwise. From here a beam of light ("of about three million candle power") was projected onto the powerlines. It was over the powerlines about thirty seconds and then streaked vertically into the air "at such an immense speed that I realised I had spotted a flying saucer". Total duration of sighting was 1 min.

For a number of reasons MUFORA has concluded that this case is unreliable. Whilst there is no specific evidence that the witness fabricated the story a few points should be born in mind. Thousands of people in the area and many at the plant evidently saw nothing of this spectacle. His description and sketch is very Adamski like in nature. He advises us that what he saw was a "mother ship as is known generally". And he suggests (with no obvious evidence) that the UFO was "drawing energy from the powerlines". He is very well read in the subject and came to MUFORA after reading at least one of Jenny Randles books. The group do not feel this can be rated unexplained - although it is prepared to admit that it could be. And if so - what a case! SP Rating 8-4

MUFORA Case 8260 August 1982 21.00 Ashton-U-Lyne, Lancs Level A

GM, aged 17 at time of sighting, observed what she took to be the full moon just below rooftops opposite. But it rose visibly inside a few seconds and was then above the chimney pots. It was the size of the full moon, but then shrank as it moved away. It was a round, white featureless blob and travelled south west very slowly. It moved silently for about twenty seconds. GM has seen aircraft with landing lights on many times and says that the chief difference is that this was not a point source but a genuinely large object. She herself wonders about the possibility of it being some kind of "earthlight".

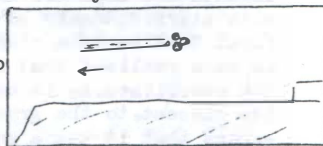
About three weeks later she saw the same thing again - at about 22.30. Her immediate response was "Oh no - not again". She had on this occasion gone out of the house for no apparent reason and so was in the right place at the right time to see it. It floated to the south, but seemed to slow and change direction and head more westerly. It behaved exactly like before - but on this occasion, being outside, she could follow it down the path. It vanished by simply going out like a light. She rushed back indoors and told her father that she had seen a UFO. "Ssh" he replied, "I'm watching television."

Approximately one month later she had a very vivid dream about her mother breaking the news that her father (who was not elderly) had died. Three weeks after the dream (less than two months after the UFO experiences) the exact scene replayed when her father did die from a heart attack. These strange experiences cultivated her interest in the paranormal and GM is now an active field investigator for MUFORA.

Whilst the group cannot be sure if there is a link (these three events are the only paranormal experiences GM has had). Nor can it be certain the lights were not aircraft - GM has seen these many times and knows full well what they look like. We have to mount this as unexplained. SP Rating 3-9

WYUFORG Case 8529 19 November 1985 Ilkley, W. Yorks Nigel Mortimer Level C

At 20.15 a sixteen year old girl was listening to music and looking out from her window to the west when she saw a cluster of red lights that were not flashing but were giving off a faint beam. It drifted across the sky for half a minute. Superficially it sounds very much like an aircraft. As the investigator reports there is a flightpath into Leeds/Bradford at this point and military traffic also can be seen. However, there have been other cases of a similar nature in the area (and not explained). A red light cluster in March 1980 brought no solution from the airport and police suggestions "at the moment we have not got very good communications with mars". A local PC is supposed to have had a close encounter on the moors at about the same time as this latest LITS case. Nigel Mortimer will keep us informed.

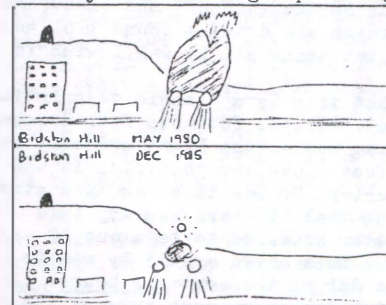


UFO RETURNS TO HIDSTON HILL Investigation by Peter Hough and Arthur Tomlinson
MUFORA/DI GAP Case 8530 27 December 1985 19.55 Bidston, Merseyside Level A

Readers of this magazine may recall the extreme story of "BIR" - the man who claimed to have fought an intergalactic war on the Wirral peninsula (during which his alien buddyie Algar sadly died in the line of duty). Bidston Hill was the scene of all this - a local landmark (as the Wirral is so flat) topped by both a windmill and an observatory. Far more importantly, you are advised (if you can) to read the opening two pages of "UFO Reality" - since it describes the sighting by teacher Gareth Hughes. Read this first - then this report. The Hughes encounter of a remarkably similar thing was at exactly the same position on the M53, below Bidston Hill. In the conurbation of Wallasey/Birkenhead - it's about the only open land adjacent to the road, but is still surrounded by houses and tall flats. The connections between his experience five and a half years earlier (in May 1980) and this new case are staggering. Coincidence would seem a very faint possibility.

Five witnesses (Mr and Mrs L, their young son, their teenage daughter and her boyfriend) were driving back from a North Wales visit to family. They had already seen something odd - a bright point of light, followed by a gap and then a trail of "steam". They had assumed this to be Halley's Comet - which it could not have been. Superficially it sounds like a high-flying aircraft with illuminated trail.

Approaching their home at Wallasey, heading north on the M53, they pass Bidston Hill to their right. Between the road and it are a long stretch of open ground, a railway line and a group of high-rise flats. Mr L saw the object ahead - as a



bright light. It was heading straight towards them. It was no more than the height of the block of flats and had two beams of light projected forward. Their immediate thought was that a plane was in trouble and was attempting a landing on the motorway. Interestingly, whilst this is a very busy road, during the three minutes of encounter no other traffic appeared on either side (perhaps an Oz Factor effect - and another connection with the 1980 case). The lights were compared with car headlights on main-beam - very dazzling. They now came almost level with the object - which seemed to be hovering over the waste ground. They were sure that it was no more than 300 feet from them (a fair estimate considering the terrain). Looking at their versions of how the object appeared at closest approach they pretty well agree. There were three steady white lights in a triangular formation and a central red blob between them. None were flashing like a plane. Mr. L says it rocked slightly from side to side. All agree it was completely silent.

The five witnesses drove by and lost sight of it behind them. They were puzzled but only Mrs L was unduly concerned. The others would have forgotten it, but she made numerous attempts to report it. She spoke to Bidston Observatory. They knew nothing. The local police and press did not want to know. Eventually she contacted DI GAP via Liverpool Central Library. She says that she did not sleep the evening after the encounter. It is perhaps relevant that Mrs L has had other strange experiences. These include an apparition (of a four foot tall brown creature with orange/yellow slit eyes) which appeared in her garden when she was about five. She has also heard the infamous buzzing/humming sound in the early hours of the morning on a regular basis (as child and adult). Nobody else hears it, not even when present.

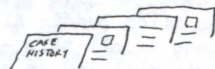
Investigations included checks with British Rail to see if they had any cranes or maintenance work. Mr L (who works at Marconi and is very used to helicopters there) was adamant this was not a chopper. But Liverpool Airport did have a trislander aircraft from the Isle of Man land at 19.58 that night. Its flight path would take it over the location at almost exactly the right time at a low height (no more than 1000 feet). Trislanders have three engines, in a triangular formation.

We seem to have a plausible solution here. But the solution creates as many problems as it solves. What about the 1980 sighting at the same spot? What of the Rainhill landing case in 1975 - which involved a triangle of white lights that

passed over the Wirral peninsula ? And what of all the other cases of very similar objects reported around British motorways between the late seventies and early eighties? These were reported in this magazine. See also the article about "Guardians of the motorway" in FSR. There is something rather odd here.

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THE STRANGE EXPERIENCES OF MRS AB Report by Jenny Randles



Mrs AB is aged 41 and lives in West Yorkshire. Her experiences began in 1971 when she regularly "used to see a small yellow ball of light moving around near the electricity pylon at the top of the field". This was always at night. She also once saw four cigar shaped objects (one silvery, the others brown) static in the sky above this field. It was broad daylight. The field was in Shipley.

Then followed her one experience "which left me in no doubt that there is some other intelligence in the universe". It happened in October 1977 (possibly 1976 or 1978). At the time she was living with her common-law husband, Stan, at Low Moor near Bradford. They were driving down a busy Queens Rd in Bradford at rush hour (about 17.15) and were to get some wine for dinner. To the south west they both saw a stationary ball of yellowish light. Mrs AB thought it was the same one she had spotted over the pylons a few years before. Every time they had to stop at lights, it stopped. Whenever they turned, it turned. When they went into the supermarket to get the wine (without mentioning it to anyone!) it "waited for them". It followed them home. "What if it lands in the garden?" she asked, and Stan joked about her being "beamed up"! In her sketch she draws a round blob and says... "I feel a bit silly just drawing a circle, but that's all it was. I wish it had been more interesting. But it wasn't."

Astute readers will have figured out by now that this is a classic description of a bright planet (Jupiter or Venus, for instance). All the features fit. However, upon reaching their cottage at Low Moor and getting out - "the light suddenly and swiftly moved across and stationed itself a few feet above our roof... as it was moving it made no sound whatsoever". Optical illusion? Or was this more than a star? Her beliefs are quite clear... "I remember thinking that if there was any life inside it must have been very small, as the perimeter appeared to be about 12 inches if that... Alternatively, the light may have been moved around by remote control from a mother ship." She kept popping out during the next six hours. It was still there. In the morning it was gone. Which does very much suggest the true explanation for this experience - although Mrs AB refuses absolutely to accept this.

However, the sequel is more than interesting. About a week later, after watching TV until midnight, Stan announced he was off to the loo (taking with him a motor cycle magazine). As Mrs AB figured this would keep him busy for at least a quarter hour she went to check the front door was locked before going to bed. She went to the glass porch and remembers touching the door handle... "the next thing I know I am in bed, waking up from a very deep sleep... Stan is not there, which is unusual at weekends... I went into the sitting room and sat down and he said 'Well - I hope you're not going on a walk-about tonight like you did last night'." She had lost the entire night and it was now well into the following day!

Stan told her he had become worried when he could not find her (the "Yorkshire Ripper" was then loose). Eventually he found her outside staring at the road. He called her name - she did not respond. She seemed to be in a daze. So he took her arm and lead her back inside. She had been missing about half an hour.

As for paranormal experiences - Mrs AB describes a time when a "corrupt Sargeant" arrested Stan and he was taken to court. A few days before the case she had a dream which told her that her husband would get off, as the Sargeant would not give evidence. She dreamt she was frying sausages when a slug turned up in the pan with three stripes on its back. She took it out and it turned into a snake - so she hit it with the rolling pin until it died. Sigmund Freud would have had a field day with that one!

Having read stories of abduction she now feels that hypnosis could tell her the secrets of her missing half hour. MUFORA have decided not to proceed.

THE RETURN OF JOSEPH

Report by Clive Potter (LUFOIC)

Most of you will be familiar with police officer Alan Gdfrey and his CE4 in Todmorden in November 1980. A year ago Mrs B from Coventry wrote a letter to JR after reading "The Pennine UFO Mystery" 1st April. She claimed to have met the alien figure (Joseph), which Alan Gdfrey recalled under hypnosis. Clive Potter was asked to check into this intriguing possibility.

Mrs B alleges that she is an incredible psychic. She has had a sense of presences since about five. Her dreams are vivid (and include open spaces and fire destroying the earth). And she has suffered from psychokinetic attacks on a regular basis. These involve knocking, banging sounds, moving objects, lights and taps switching on and off and cold spots in the house. These are much reduced now she is in her forties. But at two particular times (around the ages of 10-12 and shortly after getting married aged 21) they increased in frequency.

In addition she relates instances of telepathy, precognition (including one of the Falklands War - six months before it happened) and both clairaudience (hearing voices) and clairvoyance (seeing visions). She is a practising Spiritualist - where she is considered a medium, with developing talents.

The strongest of her repetitive experiences are OOBES (Out of the Body Experiences). These began as a spontaneous movement out of the body (presaged by a feeling of dizziness and travel down a tunnel). She has seen her own body frequently and says that others have also seen her at places where she was not physically present, wearing clothes she was not wearing at the time. Since February 1985 she has developed these OOBES so that she can perform them when she wishes and uses the dream-like state that they produce to enhance her mediumistic powers. Often she says that clairvoyance comes to her better in the OOBEE state. She has travelled in an OOBEE to meet a friend. The friend dreamed that Mrs B was seen. Their accounts were similar, but not identical. Suggesting an element of dream distortion.

Indeed - so much of what Mrs B claims cries out for objective investigation. Clive has sent a copy of his report to ASSAP and I hope that she will be researched by them in great detail. If a fraction of what she says she can do does turn out to be accessible to scientific study there may be hope of a real breakthrough.

But what of her UFO adventures? She does say that at age 14 she was cycling to work at Willenhall, Warwickshire, when she came upon a strange metallic cone covered in transparent segments and the height of a house. It sat in a field and had an "alien" feel to it, but was not there when she returned later. Nor were there any marks.

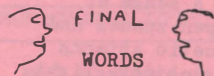
In November 1981 she retired to bed and had what she took to be a clairvoyant vision. A man stood before her surrounded by a light. He looked old but had human features and long white hair. His complexion was pale and his eyes blue. He wore white robes and a skullcap. She thought him a very evolved being and could not turn him off. He remained for ten minutes. She believes he was attempting to give her a prophetic message about the coming end of the world and that he is a saviour - but the world must choose to be saved. The figure is supposedly attempting to "come through" many other mediums at this time - although he might appear to them in different guises.

Of course, as Clive Potter remarks, the old wise man is an archetypal image of the saviour and he comments on the "Star Wars" figure of Obi-Wan Ben Kenobi. The entity (who never called himself Joseph - it must be said) might be an element of her own personality - expressing the coming presentiment she fears.

Mrs B had no interest in UFOs and did not read books about them. She is very occult minded, however. And it must be remembered that although "The Pennine UFO Mystery" did not publish the details of the Alan Gdfrey experience until July 1983 it was carried by the Sunday Mirror in a prominent story during November 1981 - the same month as 'Joseph' allegedly appeared. Whilst Mrs B seems not to be aware of this - it is a possibility that she did pick up knowledge of the Alan Gdfrey hypnosis claims at this time.

According to her story she was directed to "The Pennine UFO Mystery" in April 1985 by a psychic/UFO experience. Her husband and she had been out for a meal late

one night. Suddenly a blinding light lit up the road and the car. Her next memory is of trying to start the car engine and being in a state of panic. The light had gone. Her husband - however - does not remember this experience at all. She was particularly impressed by the story of Nigel Mortimer's UFO experience in "The Pennine UFO Mystery", where he almost completely forgot his own close encounter. Just, of course, as we tend to forget our dreams.



:: Apologies are offered if this issue is slightly late. Several readers have asked where it was by early June! I must point out that the cover date May-June does not mean it will arrive in May. All I can promise is that issues will arrive sometime during the currency of the two month period in question. If they do not - then enquire. It takes several days to type up the masters and compile data for each issue - and it has to be slotted in when the time is available. That will not necessarily be at the start of every two month period.

:: Two factors contributed to the delay this issue. One was a family bereavement with complicating circumstances. The other is much more pleasant. I have persuaded the BBC to let me write and produce a series of six half-hour documentaries on the paranormal. One of the six will be about UFOs. The shows will, hopefully, be very open-minded and informative. They will feature witnesses, researchers and many scientists. A number of celebrities (eg Michael Bentine, Pat Phoenix and Patrick Moore) are also cooperating. The programmes are being compiled on a small budget which is requiring me to travel high and low to trap these people rather than pay their expenses to visit Manchester! But when the hours of recorded material I have already collected is edited together and my script finalised it will (we hope) be worthwhile. I have been spending most of May and June on this series - hence little time for anything else. But it is now being edited together for transmission. The programme is funded by BBC Radio Manchester - who will transmit the series first (we hope in September/October). However, we are offering it to other BBC local radio stations. So, if you are not in the regions of Lancashire, Cheshire (and parts of Yorkshire) that can receive Radio Manchester, why not write to your local BBC station (and get a friend to write separately as it will be harder to ignore two requests!). Tell them you would like them to enquire about transmission of this series in their area. They should contact Bryony Barton at BBC Radio Manchester New Broadcasting House Oxford Rd Manchester M60 1SJ (T:- 061-228-3434 ext 225) - who is handling arrangements of this sort.

Hopefully, transmission dates will be in the next issue - but keep an eye on the northern edition of Radio Times, which will of course announce the plans.

CALENDER Jun 30 Donmar Theatre Covent Garden, London 19.45 for 20.00
I believe Dr Jacques Vallée is presenting a lecture. However, as it has been set up by the center that Allen Hynek disassociated himself from in Phoenix just before he died - I suggest anyone planning to go check with the Theatre

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